

VA CONNECTICUT HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

PSYCHIATRIC / MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER RESIDENCY PROGRAM

JULY 2022 –
JULY 2023

APPLICATION
DEADLINE: March 1,
2022

The VA Connecticut Healthcare System Nurse Practitioner Residency Program is a twelve-month postgraduate Psychiatric / Mental Health training program. The program offers the opportunity to strengthen clinical and scholarly skills as a Psychiatric / Mental Health Nurse Practitioner.

Nurse Practitioner Residents collaborate with multiple services and clinical settings in mental health as a member of an interdisciplinary team. Together, they provide care for veterans using a patient centered approach, attend didactic sessions, and work on a quality improvement project.

The nurse practitioner residents are in a full-time traineeship and manage patients with APRN preceptor supervision. Additionally, residents receive training in multiple mental health settings including Psychiatric emergency room, Inpatient care and in outpatient clinics specializing in PTSD, Neuropsychology, Substance Use Disorder, Community Based Care and Intensive Case Management

BENEFITS:

- ❖ Stipend: TBD
- ❖ Health Care Insurance, including dental and vision
- ❖ 10 paid federal holidays
- ❖ 4 hours vacation time and 4 hours sick leave accrued biweekly
- ❖ No call, weekend or off-shifts.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

A current, active and unrestricted registered nurse license in a state or territory of the United States
Current BLS certification
Graduation from an accredited Psychiatric / Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Program and board certification within 12 months prior to late August start date.



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PERSONAL DATA INFORMATION FORM:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

US CITIZEN: YES / NO (CIRCLE ONE)

US MILITARY: YES / NO (CIRCLE ONE)

IF YES: ACTIVE: YES / NO

RESERVE YES / NO

VETERAN YES / NO

BRANCH _____

CERTIFICATIONS:

List your current certifications (if applicable):

LICENSURE:

RN LICENSE #: _____

STATE: _____

EXP. DATE: _____



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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

Please ask three individuals to send a letter of recommendation commenting on your clinical competence, educational background, achievements, and potential. Two letters must be from Academic Faculty / clinical preceptors. One letter from direct supervisor at place of employment. Please ask the individuals writing on your behalf to e-mail or mail letters directly to the program using the address at end of application. Please provide the name and e-mail address of the individuals selected below.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

Please answer the following questions limiting each response to 250 words or less. (PLEASE ATTACH AT END OF APPLICATION)

1. What personal, professional, or educational experiences have led you to pursue a career as a nurse practitioner?
2. Are there any specific areas of interest you would like to develop during the residency program?

RECENT AND FUTURE INTERESTS:

Please describe why you are interested in post-graduate training, and your future goals in Mental Health and any additional information that you think should be considered by the selection committee (please limit response to less than one page).



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APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST

_____ Personal Data Information Form
_____ Answer to the application questions
_____ Present and Future Interest Essay
_____ A copy of current CV
_____ Three letters of recommendation sent to the program
_____ Original transcripts from College and Graduate School(s)
_____ List of Publications/quality improvement projects (if applicable)

I attest that I hold an active, unencumbered license to practice as a registered nurse, and am in good standing and have no current disciplinary action pending in any jurisdiction. I attest that the information given on all submitted forms is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Thank for applying to the VA Connecticut HCS Psychiatric / Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Residency Program. We look forward to reviewing your application.

Please complete the accompanied checklist and return contents to:

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